

REMARKS

Claims 37-56, 61, 62 and 65-72 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 40-45, 47, 50, 51, 61 and 62 are withdrawn. Claims 37-39, 46, 48, 49, 52-56 and 65-72 are subject to an election of species.

Applicants thank Examiner Schwadron for the telephone message on January 21, 2008, clarifying that although the Office action indicated a three month period for reply was set, a one-month period for reply was intended, making a response due on or before February 11, 2008.

The Office action requires election of either fusion proteins with a linker, or fusion proteins without a linker. Applicants hereby elect **fusion proteins with a linker**, without traverse. Claims 37-39, 46, 48, 49, 52, 55, 56, 65-68, 71 and 72 are generic claims. Claims 54 and 70 read on the elected species. Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims directed to non-elected species if the claims depend from, or otherwise incorporate all limitations of, the generic claim.

If there are any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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